

Mumia Abu Jamal

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From Dennis Childs - Faculty Advisor, Students Against Mass Incarceration (SAMI UCSD):
Greetings Folks.

I know that we are all reeling from the modern Emmet Till scenario occurring in Missouri (and elsewhere with no media attention) right now, but I wanted to pass on info regarding a campaign that the program PRISON RADIO is running to raise funds to battle a new law passed by the state of Pennsylvania to silence the work of Mumia Abu-Jamal and other prisoners.

Under the auspices of the Prison Radio Defense Fund, the campaign is being waged to defeat PA Senate Bill 508 – signed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett – which prohibits prisoners and those formerly incarcerated from speaking publicly. The law targets journalists, non-profits and individuals who aid prisoners in communicating to the outside world.

As you may have heard, this law came about after a recent commencement address given by Mumia for a graduating class at Goddard College in Vermont (Mumia's alma mater). And, the law effectively signals the state's attempt at silencing Mumia and defining him as civilly dead rather than a person with the Constitutional right to

speak. We know that the law has less to do with any "harm" done to the widow of officer Daniel Faulkner, and everything to do with the socially healing power of Mumia's Black radical activism and theorizing -- and the damage his words have done to the racial capitalist mythologies that surround events such as Mike Brown's legal lynching, the indefinite solitary confinement of the Angola 3, Leonard Peltier's political imprisonment, and the countless other domestic and global examples of injustice against which Mumia has brandished his voice and pen. As importantly, this law that has set its sights on Mumia will affect every prisoner in Pennsylvania and can be used as a precedent for similar police state laws throughout the country...if we let it!

So even if you cannot donate any dollars to the fund. Please pass along this website upon which you can see Angela Davis, Pam Africa, Aya De Leon, and others speaking on behalf of Mumia and all prisoners whose words will be silenced if we allow this heinous law to remain on the books.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD support PRISON RADIO!!!! FREE MUMIA AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!! and ABOLISH THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX!!!

Justice for the Craigavon Two, John Paul Wootton and Brendan McConville

Shocking Case Facts

- The Crown star Witness 'M' did not come forward for 11 months
- Witness M was heavily intoxicated when he first contacted the PSNI
- Witness M was proved to be continuously lying under oath
- Witness M's 'eyewitness' testimony was medically impossible
- Witness M's identity hidden from the court preventing proper cross-examination
- Witness M's Partner who was with him on the night refused to corroborate his version of events
- Witness M benefited financially from the PSNI for his involvement
- British Army engaged in evidence tampering, purposely deleting information from a tracking device alleged to have been planted on John Paul's car.
- The AK47 used in the killing was recovered, it had a partial fingerprint on the magazine which did not come from Brendan or John Paul.
- Prison officers planted evidence in Brendan's cell at Maghaberry and the court tried to use it to blacken his character.
- Witness M's father discredited his sons testimony calling M a Walter Mitty and compulsive liar
- The PSNI arrested M's father in an attempt to intimidate him into retracting his statement
- The PSNI tried to blacken the name of defence lawyers claiming they took the affidavit of Witness M's father at gunpoint in league with the IRA, an outlandish claim.
- The United Nations was lobbied to protect defence lawyers who fear for their safety for doing their jobs.
- The Crown prosecution admitted at the appeal that evidence presented didn't prove beyond reasonable doubt that Brendan and John Paul were guilty!

Contact us

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Justice-for-the-Craigavon-Two



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The IRPSG is a group of comrades who campaign for political status for Irish political prisoners. We include those in political organizations and campaigns like the Mumia Abu-Jamal campaign and other individual anti-imperialist activists. We campaign for political status for ALL Irish Republican political prisoners regardless of political affiliations. Our pickets have been supported by many Republican and leftist organisations.

Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group

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STOP THE ABUSE OF IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS NOW!

Around eighty Irish Republican prisoners still languish in British and Irish jails. Whilst Republican prisoners in Portlaoise jail have recently expressed their concern at the deteriorating conditions they are being subject to, the inhumane conditions in the British jails in the north of Ireland are by far the most shocking.

In 2010 after protests and disturbances at Maghaberry jail just outside Belfast, an agreement between prisoners and staff to end the degrading practice of strip searching and controlled movement was made. Republican prisoners believe that this agreement has not been implemented and that there has been a failure to take a stocktake of the deal.

At the beginning of February Republican prisoners were seriously assaulted in Roe House by prison staff. In a statement from Maghaberry Republican prisoners they refer to the prison's 'Riot Squad which continues to forcibly strip search Republican prisoners' and the injuries inflicted on Martin Kelly. Injured prisoners have been refused proper medical treatment and there has also been the denial of a number of legal visits, with solicitors deliberately lied to by the authorities stating that prisoners had refused them.

In Hydebank Women's prison there is an ongoing campaign of harassment against Republican Christine Connor which has included denial of medical treatment since she refused to be strip searched and more recently curtailing her craftwork and library rights. Christine has been placed on remand since last August.

Christine's long term remand is not an isolated case. Stephen Murney was acquitted after 14 months in jail. Internment on remand is not so different to the notorious Internment without trial of 1971. The British government is deliberately delaying trials knowing full well that many victims are innocent of any 'crimes'. It is a ruse to keep political opposition to British rule off the streets.

Even when 'crimes' are upheld in court this is often secured with dodgy evidence. The case of the Craigavon Two Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton is widely regarded as a blatant miscarriage of justice. A statement from the Newry/S. Armagh Republican Prisoners Support Group states: 'We firmly believe that the case was corrupt and the 'evidence'

used inconclusive, contradictory and in places discredited. We believe that both men find themselves victims of a system that sought to find suitable scapegoats in the wake of the political and media backlash following the killing.' (of policeman)

Britain and its compliant Northern Executive are using the prisons to try and break the spirit of Republicans. They are using the courts to victimise and demonise political opponents.

The Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group condemns and opposes this treatment as violating human rights. Many human rights groups including Amnesty have complained about strip searching and physical assaults of Republican prisoners. The IRPSG believe that Britain has no right to inflict this violence on Irish prisoners. Indeed It has no right to run its prisons on Irish soil. It has no right to be in Ireland.

Throughout the centuries' long British presence in Ireland, the role of the prisons and courts have been central to British control. The recent history of British occupation is no different. We have had Internment without trial, torture, non jury Diplock Courts, shocking miscarriages of justice as in the Birmingham 6 and Guildford 4, strip searching and systematic assault by prison guards and state forces. We have had hunger strikes for political status where the lives of ten hunger strikers were callously sacrificed by Thatcher.

This edifice of repression is of course backed up by the PSNI and the British Army. At the height of the resistance to the sectarian Orange state these state forces have notoriously used military repression including curfews, state collusion with Loyalist paramilitaries, selective assassinations as in the SAS 'shoot to kill' policy as well as more indiscriminate slaughter as the Bloody Sunday and the Ballymurphy massacres testify to.

The prisoners' opposition to British sectarian rule in the north of Ireland is why they are inside. The IRPSG is dedicated to defending their rights inside the prisons as we are to demanding their release.

- Stop the Strip Searching and Assaults!
- Implement the 2010 Agreement!
- Political Status for all Irish POWs!
- Free all Irish Republican Political Prisoners!
- Free all anti-imperialist political prisoners internationally!
- Beir Bua!

POW List: 27/1/2015: ALL IRPWA:
Maghaberry Prison
Old Road
Ballinderry Upper
Lisburn
BT28 2PT
ROE 4: IRPWA
• Joe Barr
• Brian Cavlan
• Jason Ceulman
• Martin Connolly
• Colin Duffy
• Dominic Dynes
• Gareth Feeny
• Harry Fitzsimons
• Damien Harkin
• Neil Hegarty
• Seamus (Scotchy) Kearney
• Sean Kelly
• Nathan Hastings
• Brendan McConville
• Sean McConville
• Alex McCrory
• Anthony McDonnell
• Mark McGuigan
• DD McLaughlin
• Seamus McLaughlin
• Gerard Mac Manus
• Brian Sheridan
• Kevin Vernon
• John Paul Wootton

• Gavin Coyle.
• Austin Creggan
• Desmond Hamill
• Tommy Hamill
• Martin McGilloway
ROE 3: Cabhair
• Ciaran Collins
• Gabriel Mackle
• Eugene Mc Loone
• Martin McLoone
• Willie Wong
ROE 3: Cogús
• Eamon Cassidy
• Danny Doyle
• Dermontt McFadden
• Tommy McGuire
• Ta Mc Williams
• Phil O'Donnell
• Tony Taylor
Hydebank Wood
Hospital Road
BELFAST BT8
8NA, Female Republican Wing -
Hydebank Prison:
• Sharon Rafferty
• Nuala Gormley
• Christine Connor
Portlaoise Prison
Dublin Road
Portlaoise, Co
Laois

E3:
• Vincent Banks
• Michael Barr
• James Brennan
• Ciaran Burke
• Sean Connolly
• Bernard Dempsey
• Dean Evans
• Sean Farrell
• Cormac Fitzpatrick
• Stephen Hendricks
• David Jordan
• Sharif Kelly
• Nick Kendall
• Nick McBennett
• Jim McCormick
• Edward McGrath
• Stephen McGowan
• Brian Walsh (Cork)
E4: Teach na Fáilte
INLA
• Eugene Kelly
• Noel Mooney
Non-INLA E4
• Liam Grogan
• Tarlach Mac Dhomhnaill
• Michael Mc Hugh
• Darren Mulholland
• David Murphy
E2: Cogús
• Charles Anthony Deery

• Noel Callan
• Gerard Carroll
• Niall Farrell
• Patrick Gordon
• Tony Hyland
• Michael McDonald
• Dalton McKeivitt
• Michael McKeivitt
• Joe O'Brien
• Patrick Tierney
• John Troy,
• Paddy McDonagh,
• David Gallagher,
• Garrett Mulley,
E2: Unaligned
• Colin Brady
• John McGreal
E1: Unaligned
• John Daly
• Aiden Hulme
• Robert Hulme
• John Keogh
• Finton O'Farrell
• Declan Rafferty
• Seán Ryan
E1: Limerick Real
Sinn Féin
• Dean Fitzpatrick
• Stephen Fogarty
• Joseph Kirwin
• Buddy Nolan
• Ken O'Reilly
Cabhair
Mountjoy Prison

WHAT DOES POLITICAL STATUS MEAN?

The five demands of the 1981 hunger strikers were:

- The right not to have to wear prison uniforms
 - The right not to do prison work
 - The right to free association among political prisoners
 - Restoration of the right to earn remission (early release)
 - The right to a weekly visit, letter, parcel and the right to organise recreation and education
- To these we can add the demand
- for segregation of Republican and Loyalist prisoners and the right of prisoners to be represented by the person of their choice

North Circular Road,
Dublin 7.
• Pat Barry
Magilligan Prison
Point Road, Magilligan
Co Derry BT49 0LR
• Tony Friel
Dóchas Centre,

North Circular Road,
Dublin 7
Éirígí
• Ursula Shannon
(101 POW; We assume the seven men acquitted by the Special Criminal (non-jury) Court in Dublin of IRA membership on 13 March 2015 have been released.)

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The Glenanne Gang: Britain’s hired assassins in Ireland as told by Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glenanne_gang

The Glenanne Gang or Glenanne group was a secret informal alliance of Northern Irish loyalist extremists who carried out shooting and bombing attacks against Catholics/Irish nationalists in the 1970s, during the Troubles. [1]

Most of its attacks took place in the area of County Armagh and Tyrone referred to as the “murder triangle”. [2] It also launched some attacks elsewhere in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland. [3] The gang included British soldiers from the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR), police officers from the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), and members of the Mid-Ulster Brigade of the illegal Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF). [4][5]

Twenty-five British soldiers and police officers were named as having purportedly been part of the gang. [6] Details about the group have come from many sources, including the affidavit of former member and RUC officer John Weir; statements by other former members; police, army and court documents; and ballistics evidence linking the same weapons to various attacks.

Since 2003, the group’s activities have also been investigated by independent inquiries: the 2006 Cassel Report, and three reports commissioned by Irish Supreme Court Justice Henry Barron, known as the Barron Reports. [7] A book focusing on the group’s activities, *Lethal Allies: British Collusion in Ireland*, was published in 2013. It drew on all the aforementioned sources, as well as *Historical Enquiries Team* investigations.

Lethal Allies claims that permutations of the group killed about 120 people – almost all of whom were “upwardly mobile” Catholic civilians with no links to Irish republican paramilitaries. [6] *The Cassel Report* investigated 76 murders attributed to the group and found evidence that British soldiers and RUC officers were involved in 74 of those. [8] RUC officer John Weir claimed his superiors knew he was working with loyalist militants but allowed it to continue. [9]

The Cassel Report also said that some senior officers knew of the crimes but did nothing to prevent, investigate or punish. [8] It has been alleged that some key members were double agents working for British military intelligence and RUC Special Branch. [5][10] Attacks attributed to the group include the Dublin and Monaghan bombings, the Miami Showband killings, and the Reavey and O’Dowd killings. [5]

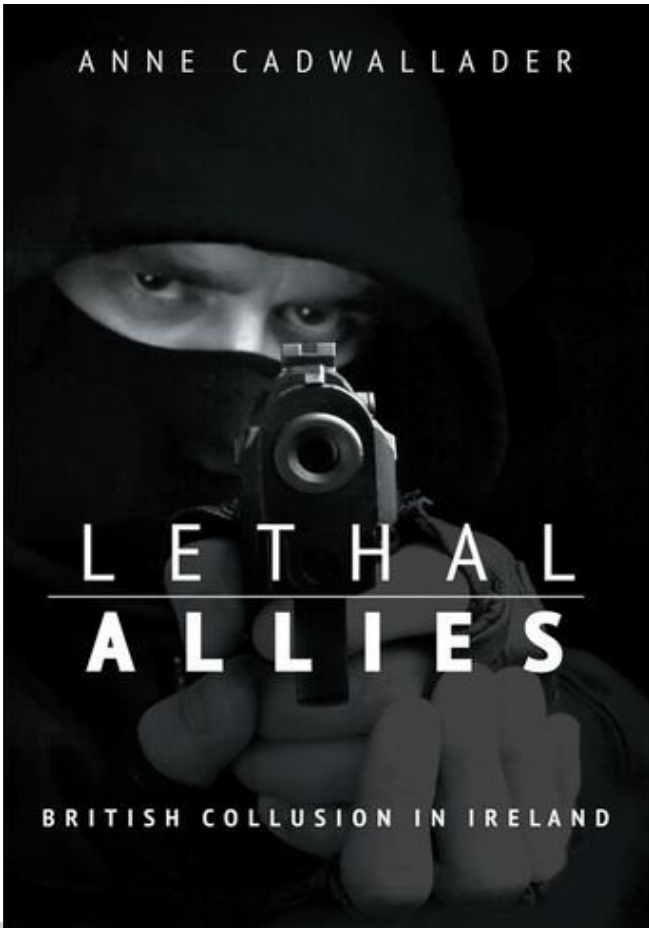
Many of the victims were killed at their homes or in indiscrimi-



This is one of the last photographs taken of the Miami Showband, Ireland’s most popular band, before the massacre on 31st July 1975. From left: Tony Geraghty (murdered), Fran O’Toole (murdered), Ray Millar (absent), Des McAlea (blown clear, survived) Brian McCoy (murdered), Stephen Travers (wounded, survived).

nate attacks on Catholic-owned pubs with guns and/or bombs. Some were shot after being stopped at fake British Army checkpoints, and a number of the attacks were co-ordinated. [11]

When it wished to “claim” its attacks, the group usually used the name “Protestant Action Force”. The name “Glenanne gang” has been used since 2003 and is derived from the farm at Glenanne (near Markethill, County Armagh) that was used as the gang’s main ‘base of operations’. [12][13] It also made use of a farm near Dungannon. [14]



- Notes**
- [1] *The Cassel Report* (2006). Retrieved 28 September 2013.
 - [2] Tiernan, Joe (2000). *The Dublin Bombings and the Murder Triangle. Ireland*: Mercier Press
 - [3] *Seeing Red*. John Weir affidavit, 3 February 1999 [dead link]
 - [4] *The Cassel Report* (2006), pp. 8, 14, 21, 25, 51, 56, 58–65.
 - [5] *Collusion in the South Armagh/Mid Ulster Area in the mid-1970s*. Pat Finucane Centre; retrieved 2 January 2011.
 - [6] *Lethal Allies: British Collusion in Ireland - Conclusions*. Pat Finucane Centre.
 - [7] *The First Barron Report* (2003); retrieved 14 December 2010.
 - [8] *The Cassel Report* (2006), p. 4
 - [9] *The Cassel Report* (2006), p. 63
 - [10] *The First Barron Report* (2003). pp. 136, 172
 - [11] *The Cassel Report* (2006), p. 12
 - [12] *The First Barron Report* (2003). pp. 144, 145
 - [13] “*Victims’ families sue over UVF Glenanne gang collusion claims*”. BBC News, 15 November 2013.
 - [14] “*Book claims ‘indisputable evidence of security forces collusion’*”. BBC News, 24 October 2013.

Letters from Gavin Coyle and Michael Mckevitt to Michael Holden and the IRPSG

3/8/14.

Michael A Chara,

IM WRITING TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE AUG/SEP EDITION OF SF AND THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING MY CASE AND THOSE OF OTHER REPUBLICANS WITHIN THE OCCUPIED SIX COUNTRIES.

I TAKE IT YOU NEVER RECEIVED MY REPLY TO A LETTER YOU SENT ON THE 12-4-14? THIS WOULD COME AS NO GREAT SHOCK TO ME AS THIS IS ONE OF MANY MIND GAMES EMPLOYED BY THIS POLISH ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP ME ISOLATED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

I'VE SPOKEN TO A REP FROM I.R.P.U.A THIS MORNING WHO IS MANDY DUFFY AND I EXPRESSED MY FEELINGS ABOUT BOTH PARTIES MAKING CONTACT AND I EXPLAINED SF TO HER AND ITS CONTENT. SHE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH WHAT SHE HAD HEARD AND WAS GOING TO SEND YOU AN EMAIL TO MAKE THIS CONTACT. MO CHARA THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US AND IT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR GAOL STRUGGLE AND FOCUS THE WORLD'S EYE ON THE TORTURE OF IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS AT THE HANDS OF OUR BRITISH CAPTORS.

I HOPE BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS (IF YOU DO) THAT MAYBE SOME CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE AND MAYBE MORE REGULAR LETTERS ETC CAN BE SENT TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON EVENTS AS THEY ARISE.

WELL MICHAEL MY OWN SITUATION IS STILL PRETTY MUCH AS IT WAS BUT WITH ALOT OF GOOD PEOPLE FIGHTING MY CORNER INCLUDING MY

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COMRADES IN ROE HOUSE WHO BATTLE DAILY WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION TO DISPEL ANY MYTH OF ANY THREAT TO ME. THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THIS BRITISH HELLHOLE DONT HAVE A SAY WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING WITH REPUBLICANS THIS POWER BELONGS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND HER PUPPETS IN THE NIO.

THIS ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING EVERYTHING TO CRIMINALISE AND DEPOLITICISE ME BY MAKING MY LIFE SO UNBEARABLE WITHIN THIS PUNISHMENT UNIT, THE STRIP-SEARCHES, CELL-SEARCHES, MAIL GANG MISSING, CUTTING VISITING TIME SHORT, COLD MEALS SERVED IN BURGER BOXES, LOSS OF GYM, TUCKSHOP ETC FOR REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH STRIP-SEARCHES AND 23HR A DAY LOCK-UPS IS ONLY A FEW OF THE TACTICS USED TO DRIVE ME OUT AND INTO A CRIMINAL HOUSE.

THE RUC/PSNI AND MIA FAILED IN THEIR BID TO BREAK ME AND RECRUIT ME AND ITS THESE FASCIST MONSTERS WHO ARE KEEPING ME ISOLATED FROM MY COMRADES IN ROE, ISOLATION IS A FORM OF TORTURE BUT THIS IS NOTHING NEW FOR REPUBLICANS SO AS ALWAYS OUR STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MO CHARA AND REMEMBER EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

ON BEHALF OF ALL REPUBLICANS PRISONERS IN MAGHERABERRY TORTURE CAMP WE APPRECIATE ANY HELP WE CAN GET AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO SF FOR HIGHLIGHTING OUR PLIGHT.

Silva

Gavin Coyle P.O.U.

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Michael McKevitt
Political Hostage (2001-2015)
Portlaoise Prison
Portlaoise
Co Laois
23rd January 2105

Dear Mick,

Many thanks for your letter and of course the Christmas card. Well I suppose you were baffled why you hadn't heard from me. Bernie informed me that you were in touch there also but she had an accident and couldn't reply at that time. Problem with me being, all addresses were taken from me along with some other material late last year so I was unable to correspond. I was waiting for you to write and your recent letter allowed me the opportunity to reply. You wrote in your letter that I was home for Christmas well that was not correct as I was here over Christmas but I expect to be out for the next one, hopefully anyway.

I suppose you were reading where late last year I had been to court on the remission issue although I wasn't successful (nothing unusual about that) I expect to be in the Supreme Court within the next few months. You wouldn't believe the shambles that took place throughout that and other hearings, you thought the trial in 2003 was farcical well this was more of the same but it will be interesting to see how the S/Court goes when they eventually get to it.

I don't know if you are aware or not but your Easter statement from last year was used in the remission case against me, which to me was completely bizarre because I hadn't even read it until it appeared in the opposition papers, apparently it was taken from your website but nothing really surprises me anymore. They also used the fact that I describe myself as a 'Political Hostage' in my letters so as you can see it was just short of the kitchen sink being used. The state loses sight of the fact that a paid informant with a criminal history was used to give perjured evidence against me so what else can I be

described as only a *political hostage*. I know such terms might not be palatable for them to read but those are the facts and they weren't created by me. If you wish to include that information in the magazine please feel free to do so.

Speaking of the magazine could I point out to you that it is very good and has a good international dimension which makes an excellent read. However, I note (and it was also pointed out to me by some of the lads here) that none of the prisoners on the E2 landing are mentioned on the prisoners list so I will provide you with the names of the lads here to see if you can get that rectified for the next edition. *

Take care and best regards to all.

Prisoners on E2 landing.
Dalton McKevitt, Joe O'Brien, Paddy Tierney, Charlie Deerey, John McGreal, John Troy, Colin Brady, Paddy McDonagh, David Gallagher, Garrett Mulley, Michael McKevitt.

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Michael McKevitt

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